

April 13, 2004

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 21, 2004 - 4:00 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Refreshments and a light dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
April 21, 2004**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

3. Information.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

- \*4A. Approval of January 14, 2004 Meeting Minutes

- 4A. Review and approve the January 14, 2004 meeting minutes.

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

- \*4B. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for ADOT and Phoenix Highway Projects

The FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Regional Council on November 25, 2003. Since that time, ADOT and the City of Phoenix have requested changes and additions to projects currently shown in the TIP, which include restructuring the Rubberized Asphalt (Quiet Pavement) Pilot Program; adding a locally funded bridge replacement project in Phoenix in FY 2004; and adding two Enhancement Funded projects in

- 4B. Recommend an amendment to the 2004-2007 MAG TIP to: make changes to the Rubberized Asphalt (Quiet Pavement) Pilot Program; add a locally funded bridge replacement project in Phoenix with \$2,000,000; and add two Enhancement Funded projects in the Phoenix for a combined \$1,000,000.

Phoenix in FY 2005. All of the changes are regarded as exempt projects or are regarded as minor project revisions for which no air quality conformity is required and the consultation for this item is considered as a separate agenda item. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of a TIP amendment for these projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**AIR QUALITY ITEM**

**\*4C. Conformity Consultation**

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The City of Phoenix is requesting to add a 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Grand Canal bridge replacement project and add two transportation enhancement projects. In addition, the Arizona Department of Transportation is requesting to restructure the Rubberized Asphalt (Quiet Pavement) Pilot Program. These projects are considered as exempt and as minor project revisions. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. For consultation.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

**5. Annual Report on the MAG Regional Freeway Program**

Each year, MAG is required by A.R.S. 28-6354 to produce an Annual Report on the status of the MAG Regional Freeway Program. Since the report was first issued in 1992, the Regional Freeway Program has been in fiscal balance and has met the construction schedules. The 2004 Annual Report will be presented at a joint public meeting on April 21, 2004, immediately prior to the Transportation Policy Committee meeting. Officials from Transportation Policy Committee, the State Transportation Board, and Valley Metro are invited to participate in the public hearing. A presentation on the Annual Report will be provided to the members of the TPC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Information and discussion.

6. Proposed Changes to the Regional Transportation Plan

On November 25, 2003, the Regional Council certified the Regional Transportation Plan to the Legislature and to the Governor. On February 5, 2004, Governor Napolitano signed HB 2456 which authorized the extension of the one-half cent sales tax to be on the November 2, 2004 General Election ballot. Since certifying the Regional Transportation Plan to the Governor and the Legislature, modifications have been proposed to the completion dates of the light rail line system. The completion date of the 20-mile light rail system has been modified to be completed in December 2008 and the completion date for the Metrocenter link has been modified to 2012. Due to these modifications to the certified plan, these modifications are being submitted for consultation to the Regional Public Transportation Authority, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Maricopa County, Indian communities and to cities and towns as prescribed in 28-6308. It is anticipated that following the 30-day review period, the comments from the consultation process will be considered by the TPC, and the Regional Transportation Plan as modified will be recommended to the Regional Council for approval in June. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Update on the Information to be Submitted for the Ballot for the November General Election

The Maricopa County Elections Department has requested that the information for the General Election ballot for the Regional Transportation Plan be submitted to begin the printing process. We have been informed that the maps for the ballot publicity pamphlet will need to be converted to black and white to accommodate the printing process. The maps from the Regional Transportation Plan have been converted into three maps for display in the publicity pamphlet. We have been informed that color maps can be placed at the voting sites throughout the County and that a website for the information can be identified in the publicity pamphlet information. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Approval to submit the proposed modifications to the Regional Transportation Plan for consultation to the Regional Public Transportation Authority, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Maricopa County, Indian communities and to cities and towns as prescribed in 28-6308.

7. For information, discussion and input.